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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of :
Rodrick A. HERDMAN : Confirmation No. 2657
Serial No. 10/708,658 : Group Art Unit 3676
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Communication dated December 14, 2005, and mailed December 20, 2005, Applicants are hereby submitting an amendment to the specification, and "replacement sheets" of drawings.

The primary examiner issued a restriction requirement on June 10, 2005, restricting the claims into two inventions: Group 1, claim 1-8, drawn to a stretching device, and Group II, drawn to a kit comprising the stretching device.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.

An **Appendix** of replacement sheets 10, 13, and 45 of 45.